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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

This notice is to inform you of the Westport Municipal Heritage Committees intention to designate The Town Hall in Westport Ontario as a heritage property under the Ontario Heritage Act.

Town Hall: Legal Description: Lot Eight (8), North Side of Bedford Street, Range Five (5)

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:

The Town Hall is a two storey office building, housing the Corporation of the Village of Westport. Located on Bedford Street in Westport, this building has always been and remains to be a cherished building in the village, as it has been standing since the middle of the 1800's.

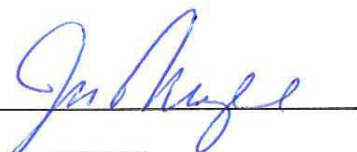
STATEMENT OF CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE OR INTEREST:

The Westport Town Hall is one of the oldest buildings in Westport, circa 1850's- mid 1860's. Built from limestone, this building has always been used as a municipal office, first by the Township of North Crosby, then by the Corporation of the Village of Westport when it was incorporated as a village in 1904. Though always primarily being used as a municipal office, over the years the building has been used as a fire hall, a jail, and a seniors meeting hall. In its current form, it is specifically used as a municipal office.

A defining part of the building is the stone work and jail bars located at the entrance way to the council chambers within the building. These jail bars represent the remnants of the old jail. In addition to the jail bars, a cornerstone in front of the building is inscribed simply with 1853, signifying the date in which construction began on the building.

DESCRIPTION OF HERITAGE ATTRIBUTES:

Key heritage attributes of Town Hall include its original limestone foundation and structure on the outside. The cornerstone has provided much interest, as this is said to be the year that the building was completed. Since it was built, it has maintained its use as a municipal office, even in the time it was used as a senior's hall and a meeting place. Two municipalities have run out of this office, one being the Township of North Crosby, the other being the Corporation of the Village of Westport, as incorporated in 1904.


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